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REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. In particular, the Behrends, et al. patent cannot meet the claims. Applicant has determined that the flow rates handled by the two gears in a gear pump will vary. Behrends, et al. has no such realization, or motivation. In fact, there is nothing in Behrends, et al. that would indicate the flow from the first source through inlet 32, or the flow from the second source through inlet 34 would differ. A connection 36 is utilized to change the relative flow approaching the two gears 20 and 22, however, the passage 36 does not lead to an inlet of the gear 32. Moreover, what is recited in the claims as having distinct flow volumes are the sources. Again, Behrends, et al. does not disclose anything with regard to the relative amount of fluid being delivered from the first and second source. As such, Behrends, et al. does not properly reject the claims.

The claims are allowable and an indication of such is solicited.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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